

Golden Opportunities

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THE NEWSLETTER FOR SOUTHERN ILLINOIS LEARNING IN RETIREMENT (SILIR)

AUGUST 2013

AUGUST 21 MEETING

Location:

Dunn Richmond Economic
Development Center
150 E Pleasant Hill Road,
Carbondale

- 9:30 Coffee Social Hour
- 10:30 Meeting and Program
- 11:30 Luncheon

SILIR Volunteers for this event include:

Greeters: Jan Radtke, Lilly Crane, Liz Harren

Hospitality:

Chair: Gary Hartlieb

Looking Ahead

September 18: Dr. Anne Cooper Moore, Dean, SIU Morris Library

October 16: Kris Schachel—Sustainability Coordinator, SIU Carbondale



August Speaker: Sheri Hunter

“Carterville, Cambria and Crainville... A Look Back at Our Towns

The journey of Carterville, Cambria and Crainville began “with the discovery of coal and the subsequent building of railroads, Laban Carter’s purchase of a 100 acre farm and George McNeil’s dream of a downtown area near his home and the depot, the stars aligned for the formation of a small southern Illinois town known as Carterville. Chartered as a village in 1872 and incorporated as a city in 1892, Carterville experienced quick growth, and with it, two sister villages—Cambria and Crainville—embraced this thriving coal mining community.” The following years have been documented with photos and both verbal and written accounts which have been lovingly compiled into a book that embraces the history and the people who built these southern Illinois towns.



Sheri Hunter is a retired Carterville High School English teacher who, along with a former student, collaborated to write a history of their hometown, Carterville. The book is a labor of love told through hundreds of old photographs and rich narrative, chronicling Carterville from its beginning to today.

Annual August Luncheon

August 21, 2013

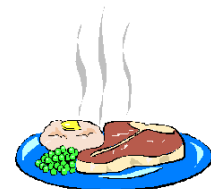
Tossed Salad with Dressing, Pecan Crusted Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes & Apples, Steamed Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Dessert, and Beverage of Choice

Registration Fee: \$9.00

Register by August 14, 2013

Mail your registration form and payment to

Continuing Education and Outreach or call 618-536-7751 to register over the phone.



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Membership dues for July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014 are due.

Two easy options for renewal:

- ◆ Mail registration form and payment to Continuing Education and Outreach
or
- ◆ Call 618-536-7751 to register with a credit card



LUNCH TALK

The lunch discussion group will meet
Thursday, August 22, at 11:30 at
Bandana's.



Interested in registering for this discussion group? Please use the registration form on the last page of the newsletter.

2013-2014 Registration Fee: \$10



What will you learn today?

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

Ever notice that the same volunteers are working at the coffee table at Learning in Retirement meetings? Did you know the coffee pot has to be started at 7:30 a.m. to be ready for our meetings?

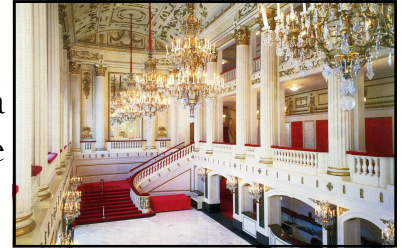
How about volunteering to take a turn or offering to bake a batch of something to share?

Please call Fran Oros at 618-998-9751.



Reminder for those registered for the St. Louis Symphony Coffee Concert Trip—Friday, September 27

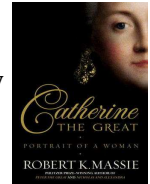
The bus will depart at 7:15 a.m. from Carbondale (Arena parking lot) in time for Krispy Kreme donuts and coffee before the concert. We will return 4:15–4:30 p.m.



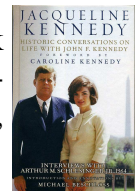
2013-2014 Book Club

The Book Club meets the third Monday morning of the month at 9:30 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chautauqua. The following are the selections for August and September:

August: *Catherine the Great, Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie. This biography reads like a big sprawling novel, with colorful settings, momentous events and larger-than-life characters.



September: *Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy* (Enhanced e-book version) by Jacqueline Kennedy. An enhanced e-book is a digital book with special audio, video or interactive features. If a member does not have an e-reader (Kindle, Nook, etc.), the book is also available in print.



Interested in joining the Book Study Group? Use the registration form on the last page of this newsletter.



REMINDER: The Steering Committee adopted the following changes in policy:

- ◆ **Effective 7/1/13, no refunds will be issued for classes or trips.** Members who change their mind about attending may be matched with persons on a waiting list if applicable.
- ◆ Effective 7/1/13, multi-day trips sponsored by other organizations will not be advertised in the newsletter nor included on SILIR registration forms. Sponsors of such trips may dispense information about the trips at monthly SILIR meetings.
- ◆ Thanks to members who share information about our offerings with friends. We always welcome new participants, but remember that they are required to join the organization before participating in classes.

FALL DAY TRIPS

Please join us for the **Treasures of St. Louis!**—Tuesday, **September 17, 2013**. We will tour the *St. Louis Art Museum*, nestled in the beauty of art hill in Forest Park. After the tour you may seek out art of your particular interest then enjoy lunch (on your own) at the *Panorama Restaurant* or the *Art Museum Café*. After the Art Museum tour and lunch, we'll travel to the *Anheuser-Busch Brewery* for a visit with the world famous *Budweiser Clydesdales* at the historic stables. You will see and learn about the care that is taken of these magnificent animals. Enjoy some time in the hospitality room for an Anheuser-Busch product or soft drink and snack following our visit to the stables. There will also be a few minutes for shopping in the *Anheuser-Busch Gift Shop*. More details at <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/personal/250-southern-illinois-learning-in-retirement>

Trip Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the SIU Arena Parking Lot

Trip Return: 6:00 p.m.

Deadline to Register: Friday, August 30, 2013

Registration Fee: \$45.00/person

Take a Trip!

Join us for a day in Southwestern Illinois and a **Mississippi River Cruise** on the Spirit of Peoria in Grafton, IL—Tuesday, **October 8, 2013**. The tour will begin with a stop at *Cahokia Mounds*. There we will take in a tour of the historic site and also see a film, “City of the Sun,” about the site. From there we'll travel to Alton, IL to enjoy lunch (included) at *My Just Desserts*, in a historic 1840s building where Lincoln once delivered a speech. From Alton, we'll move up the Mississippi to Grafton, IL for some time to explore the quaint river town. Next, it will be time to board the *Spirit of Peoria*, the only operating paddle wheel boat in the U.S., for a one and a half hour cruise of fun and relaxation. You may choose to cruise in the indoor comfort of the boat or for outdoor relaxation, there are three decks. Visit the *gift shop*, too. A rest stop at Culver's will be made on our return. More details at <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/personal/250-southern-illinois-learning-in-retirement>



Trip Departure: 8:30 a.m. from the SIU Arena Parking Lot

Trip Return: 9:45 p.m.

Deadline to Register: Friday, September 6, 2013

Registration Fee: \$75.00/person

Contact Information

Trip Information: Don Boehne—(618) 549-1319

Trip Registration: Continuing Education and Outreach—(618) 536-7751

Trips are non-refundable.

SILIR Fall Session I Courses: September 9—October 11, 2013

MONDAY

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TUESDAY

I Have an iPad. Now What!—Gary Hartlieb

September 10—October 8, 9:30 am—11:30 am
Carbondale Township Office—217 East Main St, Carbondale

Participants will learn basic iPad operation, settings, Apps included, Apps available and accessories.

Maximum 30; Registration Fee: \$10.00

Materials: iPad helpful but not necessary.

Ulysses S. Grant 1822-1868—Dan Jones

September 10—October 8, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Follow the life of the 18th President of the United States from his birth in Southern Ohio through a battle with personal demons to eventually rise to become the greatest soldier in American history.

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Materials: *The Autobiography of Ulysses S. Grant* by U.S. Grant (strongly recommended)

Grant as Military Commander by James Marshall-Cornwall (suggested)



The Class of 1846 by John C. Waugh (suggested)

WEDNESDAY

Memoirs I—Roberta Piper

September 11—October 9, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

If you've not been able to join this group in a previous session, you're invited to come and start putting your memories to paper. This is not a critical class focused on grammar. It's a warm and caring group that encourages each person to open up the past for your own or your family's pleasure. Write from one's experience, reading in class what one has written.

Maximum 10; Registration Fee: \$10.00

Materials: Paper, writing utensils, word processor helpful but typing or hand writing is acceptable.

THURSDAY

Musicals That Changed Broadway—Bob & Carol Harper

September 12—October 10, 9:30 am—11:30 am
Class will be held at the home of Vivian Ugent—address will be included in your registration receipt/confirmation.

A series of 5 musicals that each changed the character of musical theater, shown in a theater-like setting. In response to member suggestions, this course is designed to be the springboard for a once-a-month, year-round musical watch-group similar to the Book Club and the lunch discussion group. Come, enjoy these important musicals and vote for the musicals from Broadway and Hollywood you'd like to see in the continuing Musical Watch-Group.

Maximum 20; Registration Fee: \$10.00

The Poetry of Robert Frost—Charles Fanning

September 12—October 10, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Robert Frost is the third (after Whitman and Dickinson) and so far the last American writer to be both a great and genuinely popular poet. We will read and discuss his body of work to explore why this is so. Please come to the first meeting having read Frost's first two books of poems: "A Boy's Will" and "North of Boston."

Maximum 20; Registration Fee: \$10.00

Materials: A volume of Frost's "Collected Poems"

SILIR Fall Session II Courses: October 14—November 15, 2013

MONDAY

Monthly Book Club

The Book Club meets the third Monday morning of the month at 9:30 at Epiphany Lutheran Church on West Chau-tauqua.

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Recent New Diseases and Where They Came From—Fran Oros

October 14—November 11, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Carbondale Township—217 East Main St, Carbondale

This course takes a look at recent pandemics and the diseases that cause them. The next big and murderous pandemic will be caused by a disease new to humans. The bug that's responsible will be strange and unfamiliar, but it won't be from outer space or created in a lab. Odds are that the killer bug will spill over into humans from a nonhuman animal. We will trace the origins of HIV, Ebola, Marburg, SARS, and other diseases as well as look at the microbe hunters themselves. If time permits, we will take a brief look at how European diseases decimated Indian-Americans after 1492.

Registration Fee: \$10.00

TUESDAY

A History of the Latter Day Saint Church—Dan Jones

October 15—November 12, 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Epiphany Lutheran Church

Come and join us in an open discussion about what may be the Quintessential American Religion. A copy of the Book of Mormon will be presented to participants in the class on the first day.

Registration Fee: \$10.00

Carbondale Remembered—Mary Alice Kimmel

October 15—November 12, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

This course will look at the history of earlier Carbondale using early photos with a "then and now" theme, information from local histories, oral histories, letters, architectural information, a few biographical sketches, and artifacts. The last session will be held at the 145 year old Allyn/Barrow home. Guest speakers will participate.

Maximum 25; Registration Fee: \$10.00

WEDNESDAY

Memoirs II—Roberta Piper

October 16—November 13, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

If you've not been able to join this group in a previous session, you're invited to come and start putting your memories to paper. This is not a critical class focused on grammar. It's a warm and caring group that encourages each person to open up the past for your own or your family's pleasure. Write from one's experience, reading in class what one has written.

Maximum 10; Registration Fee: \$10.00

Materials: Paper, writing utensils, word processor helpful but typing or hand writing is acceptable.

THURSDAY

Advanced iPad—Gary Hartlieb

October 17—November 14, 9:30 am—11:30 am
Carbondale Township Office—217 East Main St, Carbondale

The class will provide in-depth training for efficient use of the iPad's native apps, as well as photo organization and editing. Participants will also be introduced to several new and useful apps. The new operating system will also be explained.

Maximum 30; Registration Fee: \$10.00

Materials: iPad

The Origin, Meaning and End of Religion—Paul Mundschenck

October 17—November 14, 1:30 pm—3:30 pm
Epiphany Lutheran Church

We will explore how religion came into being in the first place, how it functions, and what its meaning has been, and continues to be, for a substantial portion of the human community. Scripture is at the very heart of religion's existence, and eventually, humanity will move away from taking it literally and granting it undue authority, leading to the demise of religious institutions as we know them. We will end the course with imaginative, but positive speculation (a familiar element in religion itself) with what will replace it.

Registration Fee: \$10.00

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN TODAY?



REGISTRATION FORM

•Please fill out and send entire form with payment. •

SILIR REGISTRATION FORM (PLEASE FILL IN YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS.)

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____
 E-mail Address _____

- (14E0901901) Annual Membership Dues.....\$25 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901902) Book Study Group—Annual Registration.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901903) Lunch Talk Discussion Group.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901905) August Luncheon.....\$9 x _____ = _____

If paying for more than one person's membership fee or luncheon fee, write their name here: _____

FALL SESSION I COURSES

- (14E0901906) I Have an iPad. Now What!...\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901907) U.S. Grant.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901908) Memoirs I.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901909) Broadway Musicals.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901910) The Poetry of Robert Frost.....\$10 x _____ = _____

FALL SESSION II COURSES

- (14E0901911) Recent New Diseases.....\$10 x _____ = _____
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- (14E0901913) Carbondale Remembered.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901914) Memoirs II.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901915) Advanced iPad.....\$10 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901916) Origin, Meaning, End of Religion.....\$10 x _____ = _____

TRIPS

- (14E0901917) Treasures of St. Louis Trip....\$45 x _____ = _____
- (14E0901918) Spirit of Peoria Trip....\$75 x _____ = _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

LEARNING IN RETIREMENT PROGRAM WAIVER

DISCLAIMER: I do not hold Southern Illinois Learning in Retirement or Southern Illinois University, or their representatives, responsible for any injury that may occur during an SILIR program in which I participate during 2013-2014.

Signature _____ Date _____

My signature confirms that I have read and understand the activity level of any trip sponsored by Learning in Retirement and accept the risks and conditions of the trip. I am aware that some trips may encounter rough terrain and closed-toe shoes will aid in maintaining my safety.

Please submit a check payable to "SIU Carbondale" or provide your credit card information below.

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. _____

Name on Card _____

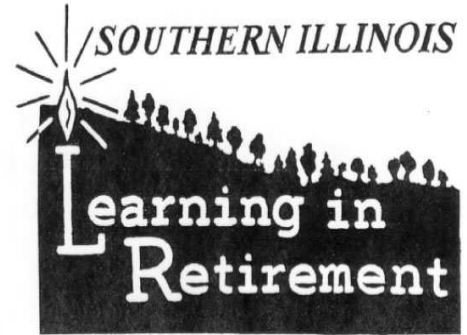
Email (for receipt): _____

Mail form to: Continuing Education & Outreach, 1255 Lincoln Drive, Mail Code 6705, Carbondale, IL 62901 or call CEO Registration at 618-536-7751 to register with your credit card information.

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Hunter
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*Have you renewed your membership?
It's time!*



What have you learned today?

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